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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
BERNHARD A. SABEL ET AL : EXAMINER: HARTLEY, M. G.
SERIAL NO: 09/445,439 :
FILED: FEBRUARY 23, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1619
FOR: DRUG TARGETING SYSTEM, : CPA FILED DECEMBER 3, 2001
METHOD OF ITS PREPARATION
AND ITS USE

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 16, lines 9-23, please amend as in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

Specifically advantageous drug targeting systems according to the invention contain nanoparticles, wherein said stabilizer comprises a substance selected from the group consisting of polysorbate 85, dextran 12.000, carboxylic acid esters of multifunctional alcohols, polysorbates, poloxameres, poloxamines, alkoxyated ethers, alkoxyated esters, alkoxyated mono-, di and triglycerides, alkoxyated phenols and diphenols, substances of the

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